Ellanor C. Lawrence Park

Meadow Habitat/Insects

Teacher's Outline Grades 2nd

This is a basic outline of the "Meadow Habitat/Insects" program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. The specifics may vary according to the needs of the group, the weather and unforeseen situations. Program can be modified to address different ages.

Time 1 ½ hours

Program location: Middlegate Meadow (Across from Walney pond)

SOL'S addressed: SCI. 2.4, SCI. 2.5

Program Content:

- 1. Welcome and Introduction to Ellanor C. Lawrence Park.
- 2. Naturalist will lead them on a walk through meadow and stream habitats comparing the two. This program is 11/2 hours. It takes place in a meadow so dress appropriately. Students will be allowed to collect insects in a jar and then we will release them.
- 3. Children will visit a stream to compare the meadow and stream habitats.
- 4. Summary and conclusion.

Things to discuss before your visit

- 1. Insects have complete and incomplete metamorphosis
- 2. Insects have 6 legs.
- 3. Certain insects prefer certain habitats
- 4. The meadow is a managed habitat and habitats change over time